Transmission Business Line (TBL)

Meeting Notes

Short-Term Reservation Process & Short-Term Redirects

Notes from July 30, 2003 Customer Conference Call

Participants:

<u>Customers</u>: Rod Noteboom (Grant Co. PUD); Jack Kelly (PRM); Aleka Scott (PNGC); Greg Gilbert (Tacoma); Miles Federspiel (PowerEx); Steve Lincoln (Transalta); Steve Tish (PPM Energy); Ed Groce (Avista); Michael Early (Alcoa); Doug Rough (SCL); Sue Kuehl (SCL); Lon Peters (PGP); Anne Marie Claire (Transalta)

<u>TBL</u>: Mike McFarland, Laura Oliver, Sean Egusa, Barry Bennett, Nancy Parker, Richard Stone, Mary Jensen, Terrin Pearson, Craig Hardin, Cathy Ehli

Review of Customer Comments/Questions and Responses from 7/9/03 Customer Meeting:

Question #1 – ATC is different in ETMS and OASIS.

- TBL Response: OASIS is TBL's official site for review of ATC. Customers seeking information about ATC should be accessing the OASIS site.

- There were no customer comments on TBL's response.

Question #2 – Fixed Interval Evaluation vs. 24x7.

- TBL Response: TBL has decided to continue with development of a 24x7 evaluation system. All requirements for software development have already been written for a 24x7 evaluation method. Given the very short time period to achieve an operational system, it was decided that the best course of action would be to proceed with the 24x7 method. After implementation TBL will continue to monitor the process and make changes as appropriate or necessary in the future.

- Customer follow-up question: What time in the morning must ATC changes be submitted by? TBL: Updates are normally done prior to 9:00 am, and true-ups under normal operating conditions are done about 3:00 pm.

Question #3 – Requests crossing both Network & Intertie may not get the entire path.

- TBL Response: This particular risk exists under current practice. One possible solution would be to submit the Intertie portion of the request first, if awarded then submit the Network leg of the transaction. However, TBL will monitor the situation and if it is determined that two-part requests are being hindered, alternative solutions will be considered.

- Customer follow-up question: Will TBL staff be evaluating each redirect request? TBL: The evaluation of redirect requests will be automatic, and staff would not be reviewing each individual request.

Question #4 – Can contract numbers be used instead of A-Refs?

- TBL Response: This should not be a problem. When a customer identifies themselves and requests to do a redirect, the OASIS will verify the authenticity of the customer and then present the customer with a spreadsheet of all POR/POD and A-Ref combinations available for that customer. The customer can then select from that list of possible redirects.

- Customer follow-up question: Will each customer see only their own POR/POD combinations? TBL: Yes, each customer will see only their own options, not all options available to all customers.

Questions #5 – When a request is denied, will the requester get a message why it was denied?

- TBL Response: Yes, if the failure was due to ATC. The reason for denial and the flowgates that restricted the path will be included in the seller comments field on OASIS.

- There were no customer comments on TBL's response.

Question #6 – Can the system be designed to default to pre-confirmed?

- TBL Response: No, the confirmation field is part of the OASIS. TBL is not allowed to change OASIS. Customers will have to remember to check it themselves. If not pre-confirmed ETMS will reject the request.

- There were no customer comments on TBL's response.

Question #7 – Can testing be done remote from TBL?

- TBL Response: Yes, TBL is developing testing tools that will allow customers to test from their own locations.

- There were no customer comments on TBL's response.

Development Update:
- The development delivery date planned for August 1 may slip slightly to sometime early the week of August 11.

- TBL will do some internal testing prior to customer participation in testing.

- Long-term to short-term redirects issue of how to convert long-term POR/POD to a short-term POR/POD is being addressed in-house by TBL.

  Customer follow-up question: Will long-term contracts be on OASIS?

  TBL Response: No, in the interim TBL will have a method to pull long-term information into OASIS, but the multiple POR/PODs will happen later. Options for methods for long-term in the future will be the subject of later discussions.

- Customers were provided draft instructions for submitting redirect requests, and encouraged by TBL to work with account builders early on to ensure redirect requests can be scheduled when needed.

Tariff Update:
- There was a mixture of support and protest in the comments received on TBL's proposed tariff revision. Comments were due July 28, 2003.

- Timely interveners: PGP, PacifiCorp, PowerEx, Avista

- Untimely interveners: Transalta

- Protesters: PowerEx, PacifiCorp, Avista

- Supporters: PGP

- August 15, 2003, continues to be the date requested by TBL for expedited FERC approval.

- TBL will evaluate interventions to determine if issues have been adequately addressed already in filing or not.

- Information on the status of the filing may be found at the FERC website.

Testing:

- TBL has an ongoing effort to make remote testing available to customers. Remote testing will show the same screens, etc., but will not be connected to the TBL system.

- Five customers have signed on to participate in testing. Now that remote testing is an option, TBL is seeking more testing participants. Interested customers should e-mail Techforum@bpa.gov.

- The details of the testing process are not yet complete, but TBL has developed approximately 16 general scenarios it wants to test (i.e. partials, daily, weekly, monthly, denials, etc.)

- Customers are encouraged to think of business scenarios they may submit as a redirect request (POR/POD combinations) and send this input to TechForum@bpa.gov.

- Internal TBL testing will be the week of August 11 for Phase I (Short-term Reservation Process).

- Assuming no major flaws in the system development, customer testing for Phase I: *Tentative* week of August 11. Phase II testing will occur two weeks after Phase I testing (*tentative* week of August 24). Phase III will occur two weeks after Phase II testing (*tentative* week of September 7).

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- If minor flaws in the system are uncovered, TBL will continue with the system as developed and make improvements as possible. If fatal flaws are discovered, TBL will revert to a manual system in order to meet the 9/25 and 10/1 deadlines.

Follow-up Items:

- Confirm next conference call date—expected to be August 14, 2003, 9:00 – 10:30.